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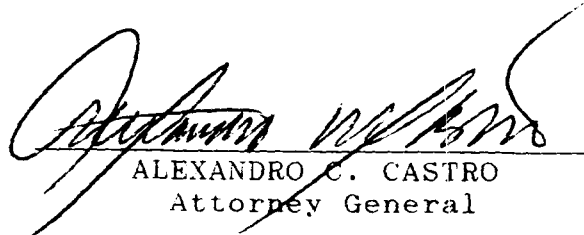
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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there is established in the Commonwealth Government, a **Department of Public Health and Environmental Services**. Title 1, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Commonwealth Code. See, also 1 CMC Sections 2601, et seq. (Attachment). The Department, among others, has the following powers:

"To establish and administer programs regarding vocational rehabilitation, crippled children's services, infant care, medicaid, medicare, mental health and related programs including substance abuse".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO, the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, do hereby affix my signature on this 7 day of April, 1989.

  
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CHAPTER 12.

Department of Public Health and Environmental Services.

Article 1. General.

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§2601. Department of Public Health and Environmental Services.

There is in the Commonwealth Government a Department of Public Health and Environmental Services, to be headed by a Director of Public Health and Environmental Services.

Source: PL 1-8, Ch. 12, §1, modified.

§2602. Department of Public Health and Environmental Services: Director: Appointment.

The Director of Public Health and Environmental Services shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Source: PL 1-8, Ch. 12, §2.

§2603. Department of Public Health and Environmental Services: Duties.

The Department of Public Health and Environmental Services has the following powers and duties:

- (a) To maintain and improve health and sanitary conditions;
- (b) To minimize and control communicable disease;
- (c) To establish standards of medical and dental care and practice and to license medical and dental practitioners;
- (d) To establish and administer programs regarding vocational rehabilitation, crippled children's services, infant care, medicaid, medicare, mental health and related programs including substance abuse;
- (e) To establish standards for water quality; and
- (f) To administer all government-owned health care facilities.

(g) To administer public cemeteries, pursuant to §2611 et seq of Title 3 of this code.

Source: PL 1-8, Ch. 12, §3(a)-(f), modified.

§2604. Department of Public Health and Environmental Services: Additional Duties.

(a) In addition, the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services shall be responsible for:

(1) The prompt collection of vital statistical information concerning all births and deaths occurring in the Commonwealth;

(2) Preparing forms and issuing instructions necessary for uniform registration of births and deaths;

(3) Filing a copy of the certificate of such births and deaths with the Clerk of the Commonwealth Trial Court; and

(4) Compiling, analyzing and publishing vital statistics concerning births and deaths, and such other general welfare of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth.

(b) Other departments, as designated by the Governor, shall cooperate with and assist the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services in performing these functions.

Source: PL 1-8, Ch. 12, §4, modified.

§2605. Department of Public Health and Environmental Services: Rules and Regulations.

The Department of Public Health and Environmental Services shall adopt rules and regulations regarding those matters over which it has jurisdiction, including but not limited to regulations deemed necessary to the public health and safety respecting:

(a) Nuisances, foul and noxious odors, gases or vapors, water in which mosquitoes breed or may breed, sources of filth, and causes of sickness or disease, within the respective islands of the Commonwealth, and on board any vessel;

(b) Adulteration and misbranding of food, drugs or milk;

(c) Location, air space, ventilation, sanitation, drainage, sewage disposal and other health conditions of buildings, construction projects, excavations, pools, water courses, areas and alleys;

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(d) Privy vaults, cesspools and other means of human excreta disposal;

(e) Fish and fishing;

(f) Interments and dead bodies;

(g) Disinterments of dead human bodies including the exposing, disturbing or removing of such bodies from their place of burial or the opening, removing or disturbing after due interment of any receptacle, coffin, or container holding human remains or a dead human body or a part thereof, and the issuance and the terms of permits for the aforesaid disinterments of dead human bodies;

(h) Cemeteries and burial grounds;

(i) Laundries, and the laundering and sterilization of articles of linen and uniforms used by or in the following businesses and professions: barber shops, manicure shops, beauty parlors, restaurants, soda fountains, hotels, rooming and boarding houses, bakeries, butcher shops, public bath-houses, midwives, masseurs, and others in similar calling, public or private hospitals and canneries and bottling works where food or beverages are canned or bottled for public consumption or sale; except that nothing in this subdivision is to be construed as authorizing the prohibiting of such laundering and sterilization by those conducting any of such businesses or professions where such laundering or sterilization is done in an efficient and sanitary manner;

(j) Hospitals, clinics, maternity homes, convalescent homes, children's boarding homes and old folks' homes;

(k) Hotels, rooming houses, lodging houses, apartment houses and tenements;

(l) Laboratories;

(m) Any place or building where noisome or noxious trades or manufacturers are carried on, or intended to be carried on;

(n) Quarantine of communicable disease and inspection;

(o) Poisons, air pollution, airconditioning and ventilating fumigation;

(p) Water supplies, recreational water and bathing beaches;

(q) Places of business, industry, employment, commerce, and processes, materials, tools, machinery, and

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methods of work done therein, and places of public gathering, recreation or entertainment;

(r) Any restaurant, theater, market, stand, shop, store, factory, building, wagon, vehicle, or place where any food, drug, or cosmetic is manufactured, compounded, processed, extracted, prepared, stored, distributed, sold, offered for sale or offered for human consumption or use;

(s) Food, drugs, and cosmetics, and the manufacturing, compounding, processing, extracting, preparing, storing, selling and offering for sale or for consumption or use of any food, drug or cosmetic;

(t) Devices, including their components, parts and accessories, intended (1) for use in the diagnosis, cure mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man; or (2) to affect the structure or any function of the body of man;

(u) Sources of ionizing radiation, radiation protection;

(v) Medical examination, vaccination, revaccination and immunization of school children;

(w) Disinsectization of aircraft and ships entering or within the Commonwealth as may be necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of any insect or other vector of significance to health; and

(x) Selection and supervision of public dumps and sites for dumping, incineration, or other disposition of garbage, rubbish and other offensive substances.

Source: PL 1-8, Ch. 12, §13(g), 14, modified.

Commission Comment: For exclusive power of Chief of Division of Environmental Quality, after consultation with Board of Health and Environmental Quality, to issue regulations relating to Environmental Protection, see 1 CMC §2648.

§2606. Department of Public Health and Environmental Services: Staff.

The Department of Public Health and Environmental Services may employ staff as required to assist it and the Board of Health and Environmental Quality in performing their duties, subject to budgetary appropriation.

Source: PL 1-8, Ch. 12, §13, modified.